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Attorney Docket No. 101.0084-01000
Customer No. 22882**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 8295
Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 09/921,844)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001)	Examiner: Bruce E. Snow
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)	
CONFIGURATION)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests non-entry of the Amendment After Final previously submitted on March 13, 2008.

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Advisory Action dated April 14, 2008, the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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